



It's Not Just Another Drop in the Bucket

Every drop of water we save makes a difference-
The time to conserve is now!

At Work

- Regularly check toilets, sinks and faucets for leaks. If one is found, immediately report it.
- Use dry cleaning techniques for floors and sidewalks such as sweeping, vacuuming or dry mopping. Follow by damp mopping if needed.
- When cleaning your reusable cups or plates in the lunch room, wipe them clean before running the water to wash them. If possible, take the item home to wash it in the dishwasher instead of running the sink to wash it by hand.

Resource Links

Join the efforts of organizations through out California, including the Town of Los Gatos, to heighten public awareness about the conservation, supply, quality and distribution of water. Learn more about the year-long California Water Awareness Campaign at <http://www.wateraware.org/index1.asp>

Learn about your water use and start a water budget at <http://www.h2ouse.org/>

If you are looking for more tips on water conservation in our area, visit:

<http://www.valleywater.org/>
<http://www.sjwater.com/conservation/index.jsp>
<http://www.calwater.com/conservation/index.php>



At Home

- Washing your dishes in the dishwasher instead of cleaning them by hand saves water and gets your dishes sparkling clean. For the most effective energy and water saving impact, only run the dishwasher when it is full...this goes for the washing machine too!
- Turn the water off while you shave or brush your teeth. Running the water while you perform such tasks adds up! When a faucet is left running, an average of 2.5 gallons of water is washed down the sink per minute.
- When washing fruits and vegetables, fill a bowl of with water and use a brush to clean them instead of running water the whole time.
- Take your car to a car wash to be cleaned instead of washing it in yourself. Most car washes use recycled water to clean the vehicles instead of constantly running fresh washer from the faucet. Check with your favorite car wash to learn their water use policies.

Something to Think About

Front loading washing machines use 20-25 gallons of water per load, compared to 40 gallons used by a top loading machine. The average family washes approximately 400 loads of laundry per year. If you are able to switch your top loader for a front loader, you could save time, money, energy and water! Not only are front loaders more energy efficient, they use less detergent, can wash larger loads and have the potential to save over 7,000 gallons of water per year! Read more at <http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/home/appliances/washers.html>

